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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) The Ambassador chaired on April 22 the regular meeting of Post's Counterterrorism Working Group (CWG). In addition to the Ambassador and DCM, the CWG includes section chiefs or representatives from CONS, ECON, DATT, RSO, OMC-K, PAS, POL, and SIMO.

[1](#)2. (S/REL UK AUS) The meeting opened with a review of the March 7-8 Iraq and Neighbors Counterterrorism Conference hosted by Embassy Kuwait (ref A). The CWG discussed the action items for Embassy Kuwait in preparation for the April 26 video conference:
-- building on existing mechanisms to promote and strengthen regional CT partnerships; developing an ATA course for GCC participants targeting mid-level Ministry of Interior officials;
-- expanding successful exchange and scholarship programs such as International Visitor Programs on religious tolerance for Imams and English-language instruction for secondary school students;
-- Washington encouragement of private sector engagement in the Global War on Terror, using regional activities that have been successful such as Saudi Arabia Aramco's magazine and Chevron funding of summer camps for Kuwaiti youth.

The CWG also noted that the type of biometrics data information used in the U.S. visa adjudication process might be a useful foundation for establishing a regional capacity to collect and share biometrics/forensic information.

[1](#)3. (S/NF) SIMO will report separately on bilateral CT issues in advance of the May 1 CSG.

[1](#)4. (C) The DATT reported progress in efforts to provide training to the military. Post anticipates the June arrival of a DIA Strategic Debriefing Team to work with the Kuwait J2 on information-gathering. OMC-K will offer a course to the Kuwait J2, "Intelligence on Combating Terrorism," in May, as well as a course in non-traditional analysis techniques to be followed by a joint exercise in the June/July timeframe. These courses will provide analytical skill sets which have

been successful in the counterterrorism and anti-terrorism efforts of Coalition Forces. Additionally, the culmination of an OMC-K administered FMS case this summer will result in the establishment of the Kuwait Joint Intelligence Center (JIC), an analysis and fusion center. The JIC will provide full spectrum research, collection, analysis and dissemination of information and intelligence collected by the Kuwait Armed Forces. OMC-K is also developing two tours for the Kuwait J3/J2 on CT operations centers which will take place in the late spring and summer of this year. One tour will be a visit to Central Command Headquarters (Forward) in Qatar, and the other is a tour of U.S. national-level CT operations centers in and around the capital region. These visits are intended to promote the importance of cross-governmental information-sharing and ministry/department interoperability.

15. (C) ECON informed the group of progress related to technical assistance programs for the GOK's CTF/AML efforts, including efforts underway to schedule assessment visits to Kuwait by the Department of Justice (OPDAT/RLA), Treasury (OTA Attache in Amman), and IRS (Criminal Investigation Division) to conduct tailored training programs. The IRS attache will visit Kuwait April 22-27 for meetings with relevant GOK CTF/AML officials in preparation for a planned October/November Financial Investigative Techniques course. ECON will also schedule a VTC with Deputy Terrorist Finance Coordinating Officers (DTFCOs) in GCC/Yemen posts to enhance coordination and information exchange on U.S. CTF/AML priorities.

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